



**SPEED POST**

**F.No. 8-5/2016 (DEB-I) 1350**

**Dated: June, 2016**

**The Registrar  
Utkal University,  
Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751004  
Odisha**

**2 JUL 2016**

**Sub:** *Recognition for offering programmes in Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2016-17 - regarding.*

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your proposal submitted for consideration of recognition in response to UGC letter F.No. 12-3/2016 (DEB-III) dated 21.03.2016 and subsequent interface meeting attended by your University/Institutions. In this regard, I am directed to inform that it has been decided to accord recognition to your institution to offer certain programmes through distance mode for two academic years i.e. 2016-17 and 2017-18 subject to strict adherence and compliance of the conditions mentioned in this letter.

- 2 The university shall scrupulously abide by the following terms and conditions, while offering the programmes through distance learning mode in accordance with the Affidavit dated 20th April, 2016, duly notarised and signed by Prof. S.P. Pani, Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Utkal University, submitted to the Commission.
3. The recognition accorded to the institution will be valid only for the programmes/courses as mentioned in the list attached with this letter.

- i) The University shall offer only those programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode, which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University as per norms and also by UGC and wherever necessary by the apex regulatory bodies in the country.
- ii) It is the responsibility of the University to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies such as UGC, AICTE, NCTE/any other and also seek its/their prior approval, wherever required.
- iii) The University shall not start any new programme without prior approval of UGC and other concerned regulatory authorities in anticipation of recognition.
- iv) The nomenclature of all the programmes to be offered under distance mode shall be strictly as per UGC/AICTE Regulations.

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v) No teacher education programme shall be offered without prior approval of the NCTE (as per new NCTE regulations, 2014)

vi) The Ministry of HRD's directions prohibiting B.E/ B.Tech through distance mode vide its letter dated 29.07.2009 shall be adhered to strictly.

vii) The programmes in Engineering and Technology e.g. B.E/ B.Tech/ Diploma and courses in Medicines/ Nursing/ Physiotherapy etc. are not allowed and the University will not be offering the same.

viii) The university shall refrain from offering such programmes that are not allowed to be offered, through distance mode by the respective apex body/ies.

ix) No online programme leading to award of Degree/ Certification shall be offered by the University, until a policy is framed and approved by UGC in this regard.

x) The minimum duration of a programme, offered in ODL mode shall not be less than the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode. Nomenclature of programme and the minimum eligibility criteria for admission should be as per UGC norms and Regulations.

xi) The University shall run its ODL programmes only in those subjects/ fields which are offered by it through regular mode.

xii) The university shall have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters

xiii) The eligibility conditions for admissions to each course to be offered through distance learning mode shall be as per norms of UGC/AICTE and other regulatory bodies.

xiv) The territorial jurisdiction in respect of University for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction and opening of off campuses/centres/study centres as mentioned in the UGC notification No.F.27-1/2012(CPP-II), dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013, a copy of which is also posted on the UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb).

xv) The programmes in distance mode will not be offered through franchising arrangement and /or through any private institution /college

xvi) The Institution will have necessary infrastructure at its HQ as well as its Study Centres (if any) for conduction of practical work, wherever required.

4. Moreover, the University shall not offer any M.Phil/Ph.D Programme through distance learning mode in compliance to clause 5 of the UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedure for awards of M.Phil./Ph.D Degree), Regulation 2009.

5. The Institution's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by the UGC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring by the concerned regulatory authorities.

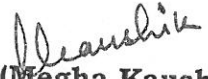
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6. It may also be noted that:

- i. If the institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition for which the Affidavit, as mentioned above has been submitted or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, the UGC may withdraw its recognition at any stage. The University will be solely responsible for the same.
- ii. The recognition can be reviewed depending on change of policy with reference to ODL Regulations or otherwise.
- iii. In case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the University/institution is found to be false or fake at a later stage, the recognition of University/institution shall be withdrawn and the University/Institution concerned shall be solely responsible for the all consequences arising out of the same.

Yours faithfully,

  
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DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU

F. NO. 74-2/2018 (DEB-I)

Dated: 18-10-2018

**Entitlement of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) under Category - I as per UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 to offer programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode:**

1. As per clause 4.10 of UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018, for Category - I Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), "Universities may offer courses in the ODL mode, without approval of the Commission, provided it satisfies all the conditions laid down under UGC (ODL) regulations, 2017 and amendments from time to time".
2. The following Category - I Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) have expressed their intention to start offering programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode from the current academic session and have submitted affidavits that they shall scrupulously abide by the terms and condition as stipulated under UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments and norms issued by the statutory bodies/councils from time to time:

S. NO	NAME OF HEI (TYPE)
1	SASTRA, THANJAVUR, TAMIL NADU (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
2	KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY, HARYANA (STATE UNIVERSITY)
3.	ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY, TAMIL NADU (STATE UNIVERSITY)
4	UTKAL UNIVERSITY, ORISSA (STATE UNIVERSITY)
5	DATTA MEGHE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, MAHARASHTRTRA (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
6	BHARATI VIDYAPEETH, MAHARASHTRA(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
7	SWAMI VIVEKANANDA YOGA ANUSANDHANA SAMSTHANA, KARNATAKA (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
8	DR. D.Y. PATIL VIDYAPEETH, PUNE, MAHARASHTRA (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
9	ANDHRA UNIVERSITY, ANDHRA PRADESH (STATE UNIVERSITY)
10	UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU, JAMMU (STATE UNIVERSITY)
11	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE, NEW DELHI (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
12	GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY, AMRITSAR (STATE UNIVERSITY)



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S. NO	NAME OF HEI (TYPE)
13	GANDHI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT (GITAM), ANDHRAPRADESH (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
14	NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD, ANDHRAPRADESH (STATE UNIVERSITY)
15	NARSEE MONJEE INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES, MUMBAI (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

- The HEIs cannot start or run any professional courses governed by specific Acts of Parliament, except with the prior and specific approval of the authority constituted there under. The professional courses prohibited are mentioned at clause (p) of Sub Regulation (2) of Part (I) by the UGC (ODL) Regulations.
- As per the recommendations of Justice Reddy Committee constituted by MHRD on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 03-11-2017 in Civil Appeal No. 17869-17870 filed by Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd Versus Rabi Sankar Patro & Ors. and its acceptance by the MHRD, the HEIs are informed that if any deviation is noticed, the same would entail not only withdrawal of permission / recognition for such ODL course but also for other courses offered by the institution, on regular and conventional mode.

**Note:**

- The HEIs shall strictly abide by all the provisions contained in the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its subsequent amendments.
- The list will be updated from time to time on receipt of affidavits from HEIs under Category – I.

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**Updated list of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) under Category - I as per UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 entitled to offer programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode and important information for stakeholders in supersession to this office letter of even number dated 08.05.2019.**

**A. Updated list**

- As per clause 4.10 of UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018, for Category - I Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), "Universities may offer courses in the ODL mode, without approval of the Commission, provided it satisfies all the conditions laid down under UGC (ODL) regulations, 2017 and amendments from time to time".
- In continuation of the information uploaded on DEB portal of UGC website vide letter F.No.74-2/2018 (DEB-I) dated 18.10.2018 on the above subject and as per decision of the Commission in its 538<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 29.01.2019 and intention expressed by the Category-I HEIs to start offering programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode with submission of affidavits that they shall scrupulously abide by the terms and conditions as stipulated under UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments and norms issued by the statutory bodies/councils from time to time, the updated list of Category - I HEIs is as under:

S.No.	State	Name of University	Type of HEI
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra University	State University
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Gandhi Institute of Technology And Management (Gitam)	Deemed to be University
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation	Deemed to be University
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati	State University
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati	Deemed to be University
6.	Delhi	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi	Deemed to be University
7.	Haryana	Kurukshetra University	State University
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	University of Jammu	State University
9.	Karnataka	Swami Vivekananda Yoga	Deemed to be

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		Anusandhana Samsthana	University
10.	Karnataka	JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru	Deemed to be University
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior	Deemed to be University
12.	Maharashtra	Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences	Deemed to be University
13.	Maharashtra	Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune	Deemed to be University
14.	Maharashtra	Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune	Deemed to be University
15.	Maharashtra	Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai	Deemed to be University
16.	Maharashtra	Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune	State University
17.	Orissa	Utkal University	State University
18.	Punjab	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	State University
19.	Tamil Nadu	SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur	Deemed to be University
20.	Tamil Nadu	Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology and Research Academy (Sastra), Thanjavur	Deemed to be University
21.	Tamil Nadu	Alagappa University	State University
22.	Tamil Nadu	Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education And Research, Chennai	Deemed to be University
23.	Telangana	Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad	State University
24.	Telangana	Osmania University	State University
25.	Telangana	University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Central University

### **B. Important information for stakeholders**

1. Time limit for completion of admission process for offering ODL programmes by HEIs:

The Commission in its 537<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10.12.2018 has decided the time limit for completion of admission process by the HEIs for offering ODL programmes as mentioned below:

- a) Academic session for January - admission last date February end
- b) Academic session for July - admission last date August end

The Commission has also directed that the HEIs shall upload the admission details within ten days from the last date of the admissions in the respective academic session i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> September for July academic session and 10<sup>th</sup> March for January academic session. Accordingly, the HEIs shall comply with the above decision of Commission.

2. UGC vide notification F.No. 1-1/2019 (DEB-I) dated 31.07.2019 has informed that the last date of admission, for all the HEIs already recognized as on 31.07.2019 to offer programmes in ODL mode for the academic session 2019-20, session beginning in July, 2019 has been extended from 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, due to natural calamity in various states across the Country and for this time only.”
3. The HEIs cannot start or run any professional courses governed by specific Acts of Parliament, except with the prior and specific approval of the authority constituted there under. The professional courses prohibited as per clause (p) of Sub Regulation (2) of Part (I) by the UGC (ODL) Regulations and as per communication received from various Regulatory Authorities, are programmes in engineering, medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy, agriculture, hotel management and any other programme not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any Statutory Councils or Regulatory.
4. As per the recommendations of Justice Reddy Committee constituted by MHRD on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 03-11-2017 in Civil Appeal No. 17869-17870 filed by Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd Versus Rabi Sankar Patro & Ors. and its acceptance by the MHRD, the HEIs are informed that if any deviation is noticed, the same would entail not only withdrawal of permission / recognition for such ODL course but also for other courses offered by the institution, on regular and conventional mode.
5. Clause 11.1 of UGC (Minimum standard and procedures for awards of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulation, 2016 notified in Gazette dated 05.05.2016 states that *“notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations or any other rule or regulation, for the time being in force, no university; institutions, deemed to be a university and college shall conduct M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes through distance education mode”*.
6. The HEIs should ensure that the duration and nomenclature of the degrees is strictly as per the UGC notification on Specification of Degrees.
7. All Category-I HEIs shall upload all the details ensuring compliance to the relevant clauses of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, on their website and also submit the affidavit to UGC as per decision taken by the Commission in its 538<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 29.01.2019

**Note:**

- a) The HEIs shall strictly abide by all the provisions contained in the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its subsequent amendments.
- b) The period of entitlement of Category-I HEIs to offer programmes through ODL mode shall be as per provisions stipulated under Clause 6 of the UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018.
- c) The HEIs shall intimate the Commission about its changed status as per Clause 6 of the UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018.
- d) The list will be updated from time to time on receipt of affidavits from HEIs under Category - I.

  
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